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In re Patent Application of
Anthony J. AIELLO

Application No.: 10/602,422

Art Unit: L. Footland

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For: FLUID DYNAMIC BEARING ASYMMETRY
PRESSURE FEEDBACK

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 3, 2004 (Paper No. 082904), for which a response was due on December 3, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 3, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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